FRUITLAND PARK CITY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES JUNE 11, 2013

<u>MEETING STATISTICS.</u> A special meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was conducted in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 506 West Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida on Thursday, June 11, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m

<u>INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.</u> Police Chief Terry Isaacs delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Cheshire.

ROLL CALL. Mayor Bell asked City Clerk Jennie Potenzone to call the roll.

<u>ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT.</u> Commissioner John L. Gunter, Jr., Commissioner Chris Cheshire, Vice Mayor Sharon Kelly, Mayor Christopher J. Bell

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS/OTHERS PRESENT. (ACM) Acting City Manager Marie Azzolino Police Chief (PC) Terry Isaacs, (ACT) Acting City Treasurer Susan Parker, Community Development Director (CDD) Charlie Rector, Recreation Director, and Acting City Clerk (ACC) Jennie Potenzone.

Mayor Bell wanted to discuss City Manager's position. Mayor stated that Bobby Bonilla is staying with the county, and that Jim Coleman got low marks on his 3rd review. Mayor asked if they really want to do the hiring or should they go with the recruiting firm. After pros and cons the Commission felt that it is in the best interest of the City to hire a firm. They agreed that the recruiting firm of Colin Baezinger & Associate is the one to go with. Motion made by Commissioner Gunter, second by Commissioner Cheshire. Motion was carried by all commissioners voting aye. Mayor Bell asked for a motion to allow Commissioner Gunter to reach out to the Firm to find out if we can get an Interim City Manager in the mean time at no cost to the City, and also for them to come up with lowers fees and expenses. Motion was made by Commissioner Cheshire and second by Vice Mayor Kelly. Motion was carried by all commissioners voting aye.

Vice Mayor Kelly wanted to know if the situation with JoAnn was settled. ACM, Marie Azzolino said that a letter was written by Diane Gibson Smith stating that the situation with JoAnn Glendinning was reversed from administrative suspension to a written reprimand. Mayor Bell was surprised to hear about the letter and asked ACM Marie Azzolino to get in touch with Scott Gerken and show him the letter.

Commissioners brought up the issue of the employees who are taking on extra responsibilities in the open positions at City Hall. The Commission feels that they should be compensated for their extra duties. After a few options they feel that each employee should be given a 15% increase for the time they are filling in but will return to their original pay once the job has been filled. Mayor Bell asked (ACT) Susan Parker to work up the figures for review. The employees involved would be Chief Isaacs, Charlie Rector, Tracy Kelly, Dale Bogle, Susan Parker and Marie Azzolino. The Commission made a motion to give Jennie Potenzone, \$14.00 per hour for Acting City Clerk until that position is filled. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Kelly and second by Commissioner Gunter.

Chief Isaacs said that things were going well with the Recreation Department and that Michelle was doing a great job. He has heard only positive things about the programs we have in place. Michelle asked Chief to find out who she can go to for permission on new programs and events. Mayor Bell asked (ACM) Marie Azzolino to sit down with Michelle and get a list of ideas she might have and then bring it to the board.

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Mayor Bell asked (ACM) Marie Azzolino to get in touch with Donna Wright, Jennifer Fortin and Fredrick Coulter to see if they are available for an interview June 13th, 2013 after our regular commission meeting. This is for the position of City Treasurer.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Cheshire moved to adjourn the regular meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:

Vennie Potenzone, ACO, City Clerk